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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the present Application. Claim 1 stands rejected. Claims 2 and 3 have been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. See Office Action, dated September 9, 2005, pages 3-4. In the present paper, the Applicants cancel claim 1. Accordingly no new matter is being introduced into the application. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that this Application is now in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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